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SUBJECT: TITO GIVES "HERO" AWARD TO ZAGREB, SEPTEMBER 16

1. IN THE CURRENT PERIOD OF CONCENTRATED EVENTS TAKING PLACE IN ZAGREB, TITO TODAY PERSONALLY DELIVERED THE "ORDER OF NATIONAL HERO" TO THE CITY OF ZAGREB IN RECOGNITION OF THE CITY'S ROLE DURING WORLD WAR II. THE AWARD HAD BEEN ANNOUNCED AT A RALLY IN ZAGREB ON MAY 8 WHICH TITO HAD NOT ATTENDED PRESUMABLY FOR HEALTH REASONS. TODAY'S CEREMONY WAS ATTENDED BY THE TOP LEADERS OF THE YUGOSLAV PRESIDENCY AND THE LCY.
2. TITO SPOKE FOR LESS THAN FOUR MINUTES IN WHICH TIME HE PRAISED AND PAID HIS RESPECTS TO THOSE CITIZENS OF ZAGREB WHO FOUGHT FOR THE LIBERATION OF YUGOSLAVIA AND THE CREATION OF A SOCIALIST STATE. TITO EMPHASIZED THE MULTINATIONAL CHARACTER OF THE PARTISAN MOVEMENT, PRAISING ITS "HEROIC STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM, BROTHERHOOD AND EQUALITY OF SERBS AND CROATS IN CROATIA." THE CROWDS OF SCHOOLCHILDREN AND WORKERS APPLAUDED POLITELY BUT WITHOUT ENTHUSIASM AS TITO'S MOTORCADE DROVE THROUGH ZAGREB.
3. TITO ARRIVED IN ZAGREB LAST NIGHT. IN ADDITION TO THE FESTIVITIES SURROUNDING THE PRESENTING OF THE "ORDER OF NATIONAL HERO" AWARD TO THE CITY OF ZAGREB, HE IS EXPECTED TO VISIT THE

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ZAGREB INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR TOMORROW, INCLUDING THE AMERICAN

PAVILION TOMORROW MORNING.

4. LAST WEEK THE CONFERENCE ON THE FORCES AND PATHWAYS OF WAR AND PEACE WAS HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF VICE PRESIDENT BAKARIC. THIS WEEK A ROUNDTABLE ENTITLED,"FINANCIAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES" IS TAKING PLACE. PRIME MINISTER BIJEDIC, FINANCE MINISTER JANKO SMOPE, DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER MOJSOV AND OTHERS ARE ATTENDING AND ARE EXPECTED TO DELIVER PAPERS. THE CONSULATE GENERAL OBTAINED A PROGRAM WHICH WE NOTE INCLUDED ONLY ROMANIA FROM EASTERN EUROPE AS AMONG THE PARTICIPANTS (LISTED AS COMING FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES).

5. COMMENT: CENTERING AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME IN ZAGREB THESE TWO SYMPOSIUMS, TITO'S AWARD GIVING CEREMONY, AND THE ANNUAL ZAGREB INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR IS STRIKING. THIS HAS THE EFFECT OF MASSAGING CROATIAN EGO--BUT ALWAYS WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF A UNITED YUGOSLAVIA--AND SEEMS DESIGNED TO BOLSTER YUGOSLAV NATIONAL FEELINGS AMONG CROATIANS.
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